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§10:124-4.11 Discipline and control

(a) The shelter facility shall have written policies and procedures regarding discipline and control, which shall be maintained on file, explained and be made available to all children, parent(s) and staff members.

(b) The discipline, control or supervision of the children in a shelter facility shall be the responsibility of the staff members and that responsibility shall not be delegated to the children.

(c) Disciplinary practice of shelter facility staff members or shelter home parents shall be designed to assist the children in developing self-control and an ability to conform to accepted levels of social behavior.

(d) A child's rights in a shelter facility or home shall never be removed or discontinued for purposes of discipline, control or punishment; however, the deprivation of a child's privileges may be used as a disciplinary technique.

(e) The shelter facility or shelter home coordinator shall prohibit the following types of punishment:

1. Any type or threat of physical hitting or any type of corporal punishment inflicted in any manner upon the body;
2. Forced physical exercise or forcing a child to take an uncomfortable position;
3. Group punishment for misbehaviors of individuals;
4. Punishment that subjects the child to verbal abuse, ridicule, humiliation or other forms of degradation;
5. Deprivation of meals, sleep, mail, clothing appropriate to the season or time of day, verbal communication, family visits and/or other basic rights;
6. Mechanical, chemical or excessive physical restraint; or

7. Assignment of unduly physically strenuous, harsh work.

(f) A shelter facility shall not isolate a child in a behavior management room.